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(1) Urano et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,081,807, issued March 28, 1978;

(2) Hayashi et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,562,346, issued December 31, 1985;

(3) Ueda et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,972,216, issued November 20, 1990; and

(4) Kayanuma et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,359,364, issued October 25, 1994.

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